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NEXUS BETWEEN CUSTOM/SECURITY OFFICIALS AND PASSENGERS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed customs officials at Indira Gandhi International Airport to search all passengers being escorted by policemen;

(b) if so, whether security/police officials are in nexus with the passengers and are smuggling dutiable goods worth crores of rupees; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to ensure that customs/security officials nexus with passengers is broken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : No Sir.

(b) : No Sir.

(C) : A careful watch is being kept by supervisory officers on the activities of personnel of various agencies operating at Airport including Customs staff deployed for passenger clearance. Surprise visits by senior officers from the Customs House are being paid, and periodic rotations of officials of Customs in sentitive assignments being effeted to prevent any nexus as feared. Instructions also issued to initiate stringent penal action if any official is found helping a passenger in smuggling of any dutiable goods.